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April 1, 2012

Dear Mr. Swenson:

RE: Indiana's 2012 Integrated Report and Draft 303(d)  
List of Impaired Waters

This letter accompanies the 2012 Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report (IR) and the state's draft 2012 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. These documents are being submitted per requirements under Sections 305(b) and 303(d), respectively, of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR 130. Indiana has submitted both the 305(b) and the 303(d) components of the Integrated Report together via email.

For the 2012 submission, Indiana has chosen to follow, to the degree possible, the 305(b) and 303(d) reporting methods outlined in the U.S. EPA's guidance document entitled, "Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b) and 314 of the Clean Water Act" published in February, 2005, and the additional guidance provided in the following documents: U.S. EPA memorandum "Information Concerning 2008 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions" published in 2006; U.S. EPA memorandum "Information Concerning 2010 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions" published in 2009; and the U.S. EPA memorandum "Information Concerning 2012 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions" published in 2011.

Indiana's 305(b) submission includes the narrative Indiana Integrated Water Monitoring and Assessment Report 2012 and a number of appendices including:

- Metadata for the report
- Tables for the report
- Figures for the report
- IDEM's 305(b)/303(d) monitoring, assessment, reporting and listing schedule
- Trophic status and trends of Indiana's lakes
- Indiana's Consolidated List (Categories 1-5)
- Comprehensive Aquatic Life Use and Recreational Use Assessments

Indiana's 303(d) submission includes:

- The Notice of Comment Period for the draft 2012 303(d) list published on February 8, 2012, which includes IDEM's Consolidated Assessment and Listing Methodology, information regarding the current unresolved issues with IDEM's 2010 303(d) list and how the draft list for 2012 was developed;
- Explanations for changes made to the draft 2012 303(d) list since it was published for public comment on February 8, 2012;

- Indiana's current draft 303(d) of Impaired Waters, which includes Categories 5A and 5B of the state's Consolidated List;
- TMDL development schedule for 2012-2014;
- Long term TMDL development schedule for all impaired waters identified to date;
- Update on the status of Category 4 waters, and;
- A segmentation tracking table for all stream assessment units that were split for purposes of assessment.

You will also find enclosed a CD that contains IDEM's Assessment Database for the 2012 cycle and the 2012 Reach Index shapefiles for use in georeferencing the waterbodies referenced in these documents to the National Hydrography Database.

The public comment period for Indiana's draft 2012 303(d) list is currently ongoing and will end on May 8, 2012. In keeping with U.S. EPA guidance, after the public comment period ends, IDEM will provide U.S. EPA full text copies of all comments received along with summarized comments and IDEM's responses and any additional changes to the draft 2012 303(d) list needed as a result of information provided by the public.

We look forward to receiving U.S. EPA's formal decision regarding the disposition of Indiana's 2010 303(d) list and have developed the draft 2012 303(d) list based on the belief that this decision is forthcoming. Given the currently unresolved issues with IDEM's 2010 303(d) list and the likelihood that additional changes to the 2012 303(d) list will be needed in response to public and U.S. EPA comments received after April 1, 2012, IDEM must necessarily consider the 2012 303(d) list included with this submission as a draft and subject to change until U.S. EPA approval is received.

In the meantime, it is our understanding that with this transmittal, all required components of the 2012 Integrated Report (submitted pursuant to Section 305(b) of the CWA) and the draft 2012 303(d) List of Impaired Waters are complete and ready for U.S. EPA review. If you have any questions, please contact Jody Arthur (317-308-3179) or me (317-308-3235).

Sincerely,



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